




ANNUAL REPORT 2010



“I love living here, I feel free.”

—Restore NYC safe house resident



01 • LETTER TO SUPPORTERS

Dear fellow supporters,

We are filled with gratitude as we reflect upon the amazing events that occurred over the past year. Restore NYC has always been a grass roots organization, which operates largely by the support from individuals who have a vision for a better city and a better life for the women we serve. Our shared vision is no longer just an idea, but rather a movement that confronts the exploitation of women for profit and gain. We are humbled that so many of you have given your time and financial resources to help abolish modern day slavery in our city and provide much-needed aftercare to trafficked women.

Restore NYC grew significantly in 2010. We received our first client from Queens Criminal Court in March of 2009 and served 28 clients that year. During 2010, we served over 100 women by providing counseling, case management support, and other individually-tailored services such as job training, legal assistance, and medical care. In addition, Restore NYC made history in 2010 by opening the Northeast's first long-term safe house dedicated to foreign-born survivors of sex trafficking. We are truly grateful that your support enabled us to open a safe house after just 18 months of becoming operational. This truly was a community effort!

Throughout this, our first annual report, we shed light on the issue of trafficking in our city, and highlight how your support has already begun to change the lives of the women we serve. We ask that you continue to join us in our mission to end sex trafficking in the city, while providing the best quality of care to survivors.

Faith Huckel,

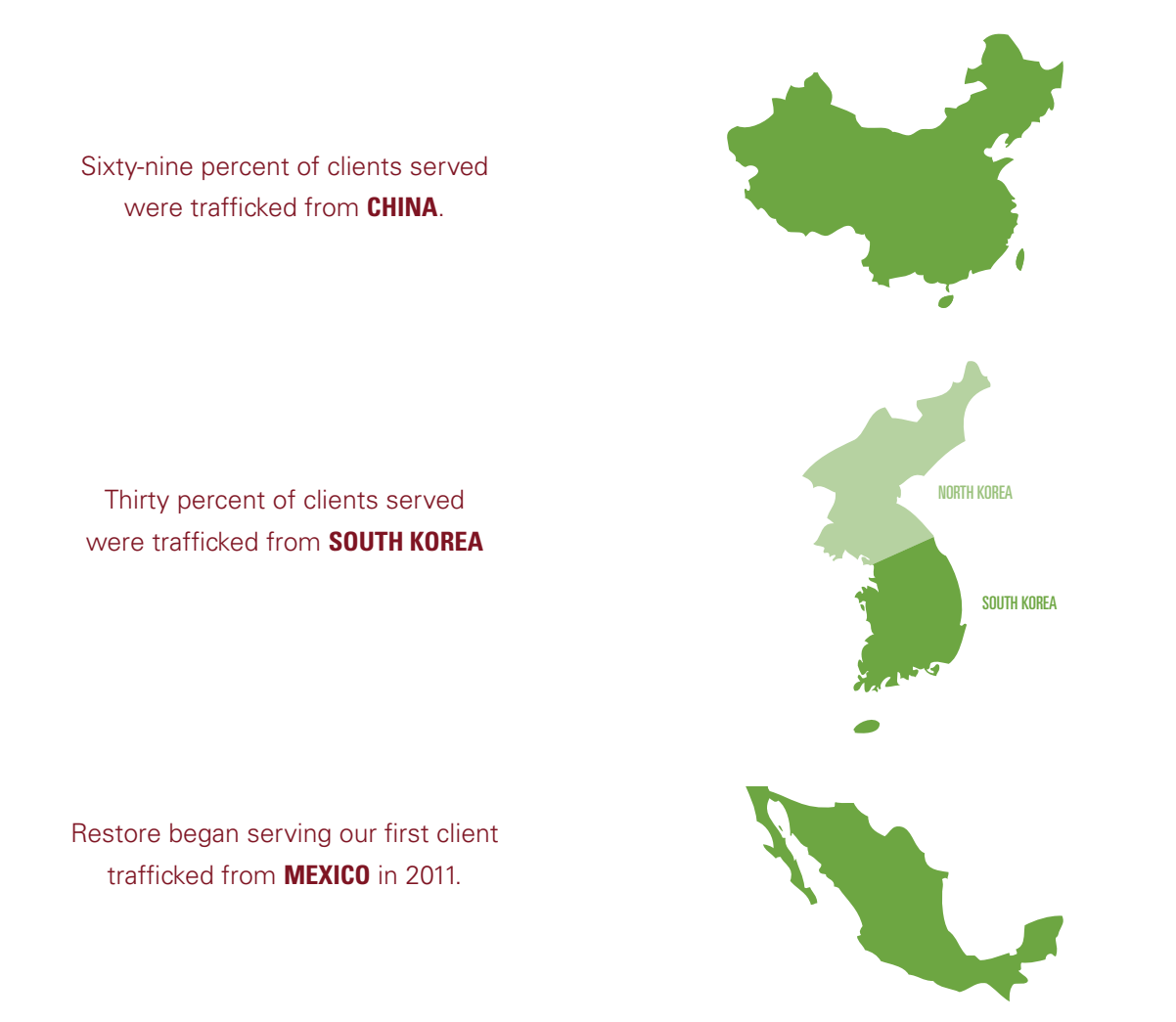
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02 • WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION: Restore NYC is an organization that restores freedom, safety and hope to foreign-born survivors of sex trafficking by providing long-term, holistic aftercare services. We partner with local and federal officials as well as other organizations to empower survivors and facilitate the prosecution of traffickers.

POPULATIONS WE CURRENTLY SERVE:



03 • 2010 YEAR-END REVIEW



SERVED

We served over one hundred women during 2010 via our case management services and residential program.



PARTNERED

We partnered with the Department of Homeland Security, New York Police Department, U.S. Attorney’s Office, and Federal Bureau of Investigation to empower survivors and assist in the prosecution of traffickers.



OPENED

Restore NYC opened the first and only safe house in New York—and the entire Northeast—that provides long-term aftercare services to foreign-born victims of sex trafficking.



WERE RECOGNIZED

Restore NYC was recognized by The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal for our work with survivors of sex trafficking.



04 • GLOBAL SLAVE TRADE

More than two hundred years ago trans-Atlantic trade was driven by the exchange of commodities such as textiles, spices, and tobacco. Tragically, millions of slaves were also displaced and transported across the ocean to provide labor throughout the new world. Through the work of William Wilberforce and countless others, the trans-Atlantic slave trade was finally outlawed in Britain by 1807 and in the U.S in 1863. Over one hundred years later, the slave trade has re-emerged and has become a truly global phenomenon, with a greater number of victims now than in the 18th century, when the practice was still legal. Restore NYC was founded to help eradicate this modern form of slavery, while also focusing on the long term aftercare of survivors.

HOW ARE PEOPLE TRAFFICKED?

Typically traffickers prey on the poor and vulnerable. This can be men, women, girls or boys, but the majority are women and children. There are a number of common methods by which victims are brought into situations of sex trafficking:

- A promise of a good job in another country
- A false marriage proposal turned into a bondage situation
- Being sold into the sex trade by parents, husbands, boyfriends
- Being kidnapped by traffickers

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH RISKS?

Victims face numerous health risks. Physical risks include:

- Drug and alcohol addiction
- Physical injuries (broken bones, burns, vaginal/anal tearings)
- Traumatic brain injury
- Sexually transmitted diseases (e.g., HIV/AIDS, gonorrhea, syphilis)
- Sterility, miscarriages, and forced or coerced abortions

WHERE DO TRAFFICKED WOMEN WORK?

Sex trafficking operations can be found in highly-visible venues such as street prostitution, as well as more underground systems such as closed brothels that operate out of residential homes. Sex trafficking also takes place in a variety of public and private locations such as massage parlors, spas, strip clubs and other fronts for prostitution.

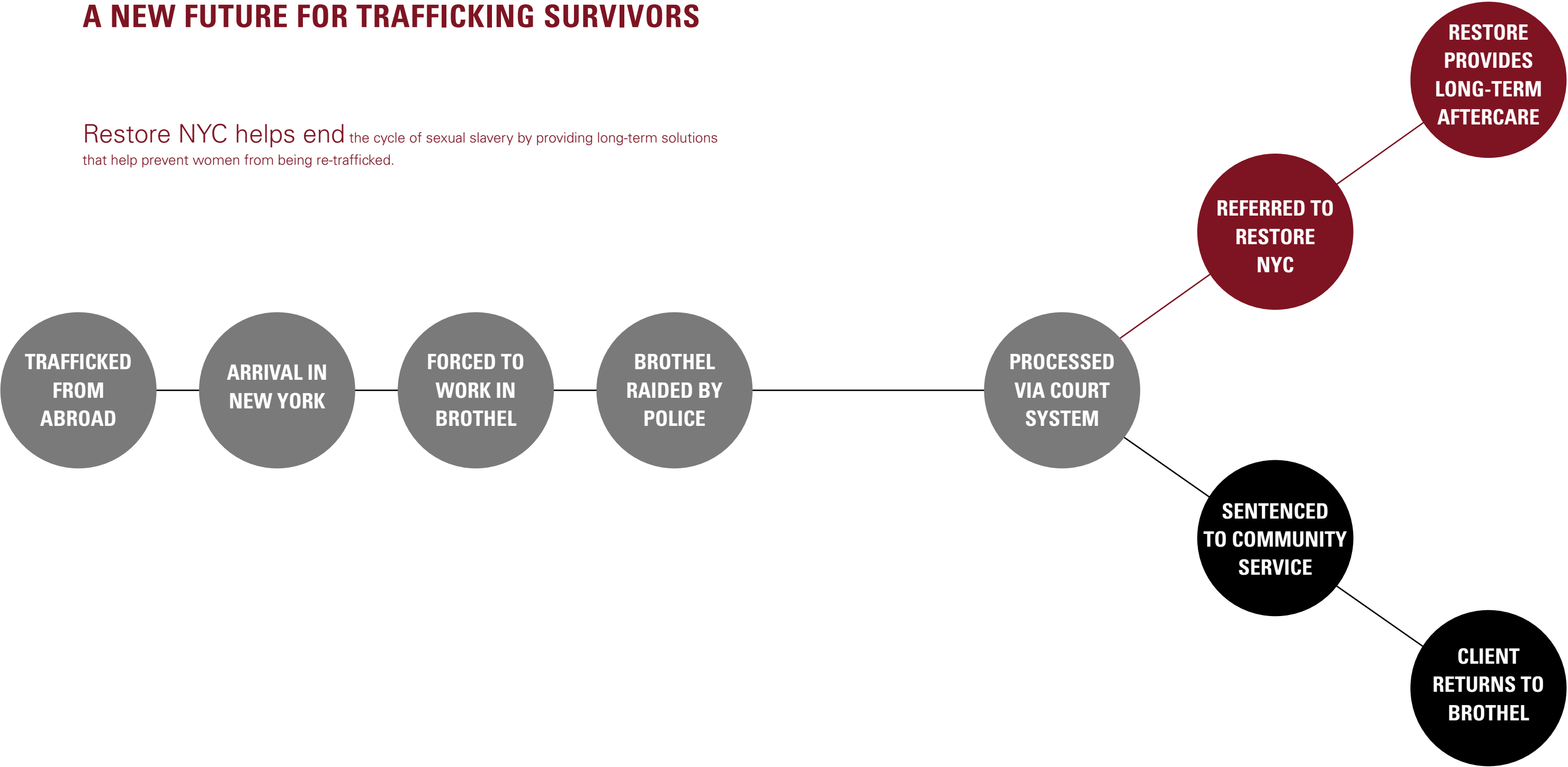
WHAT ARE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS?

Trafficking victims are at risk of significant psychological harm including:

- Shame, grief, fear, distrust, hatred of men, self-hatred and suicide
- Post-traumatic Stress Disorder—acute anxiety, depression, insomnia, physical hyper-alertness, self-loathing that is long-lasting and resistant to change
- Victims may also suffer from traumatic bonding—a form of coercive control in which the perpetrator instills in the victim fear as well as gratitude for being allowed to live

A NEW FUTURE FOR TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

Restore NYC helps end the cycle of sexual slavery by providing long-term solutions that help prevent women from being re-trafficked.

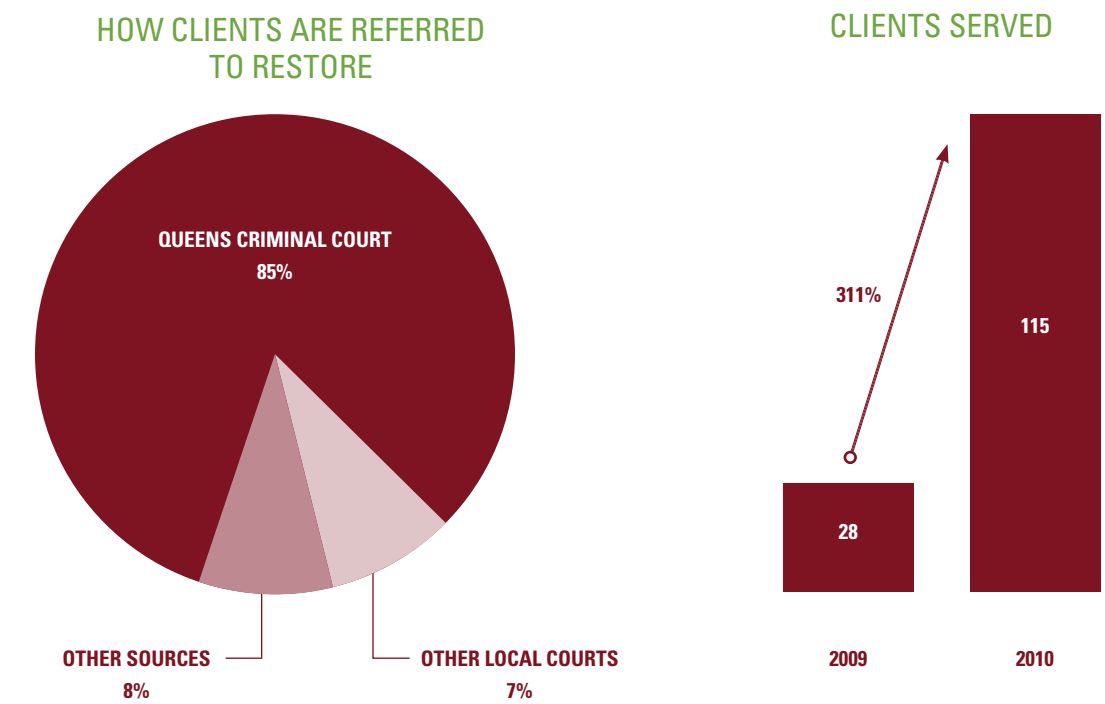


05 • WHAT WE DO

Restore NYC operates both a non-residential program and a residential program. We provide tailored services that are victim-centered—meaning that program services are dependent upon our clients’ needs and requests. We utilize an empowerment model that focuses on restoring a client’s freedom, safety and hope through validation, community support and identifying and building strengths. Our goal is to support and walk alongside our clients as they move forward in their healing journey. Restore NYC’s program is designed to holistically address the long-term effects of sex trafficking on this unique population. Our program services include the following options:

- **CASE MANAGEMENT**
 - **INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING**
 - **COURT ADVOCACY**
 - **SAFE HOUSING**
 - **JOB TRAINING**
 - **ESL**
- **MOVEMENT THERAPY**
 - **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
 - **MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE***
 - **VISA APPLICATION ASSISTANCE***
 - **TRANSLATION SERVICES**
 - **MENTORING**

** These services are paid for, coordinated and facilitated by Restore case managers but provided by outside organizations.*





06 • MS. Y'S STORY

Ms. Y came to the United States from South Korea in 2002, trusting the assurances of a trafficker who promised her a stable job as a tour guide in California. The trafficker and his accomplices prepared a false passport and smuggled Ms. Y across the Mexican border. However, upon her arrival in California, Ms. Y learned that the job awaiting her was not as a tour guide, but as a prostitute. When she resisted, she was physically abused. Without food, shelter or clothing of her own, Ms. Y found herself trapped in sexual slavery.

After a year in captivity, Ms. Y reached out to a contact in New York who offered to lend her money to help her escape from California. Ms. Y traveled across the country to New York City only to discover that her nightmare was not over. Her “rescuer” informed her that she now owed interest on the borrowed funds, and forced her to continue prostituting herself.

When she resisted, she was physically abused... Ms. Y found herself trapped in sexual slavery.

After paying off her debts, Ms. Y believed that she had finally left her previous life behind and settled in New Jersey. However, in October of 2010, Ms. Y was arrested in a police raid on a brothel/fake ID operation that she was visiting, in hopes of obtaining documentation. Facing

deportation, with nowhere to turn, Ms. Y came to Restore NYC.

Restore NYC began working with Ms. Y, providing one-on-one counseling and case management services. In December 2010, Ms. Y told her counselor that she had seen her traffickers on an FBI Wanted list in a Korean news article. Restore NYC acted immediately, contacting the Department of Homeland Security and meeting with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Manhattan. Ms. Y and her Restore NYC counselor then met with FBI agents and federal prosecutors, who agreed to support Ms. Y's application for a T-visa (see pg. 20 for more information about T-visas).

Restore NYC acted immediately . . .

Ms. Y is now optimistic about her future as she continues to work with Restore NYC to prepare for her upcoming immigration hearing in May. She is also empowered by the knowledge that through sharing her story with the authorities, she may have saved countless other women from falling victim to human trafficking and sexual slavery.

Ms. Y is optimistic about her future . . .

RESTORING FREEDOM

Restore NYC provides freedom for survivors of sex trafficking. The first and immediate step is to provide physical freedom from captors and traffickers through partnership with law enforcement officials and the provision of safe housing. From this foundation, clients can realize the freedom to pursue a better life. In pursuit of this goal, Restore NYC offers support and guidance in helping survivors obtain a T-Visa.

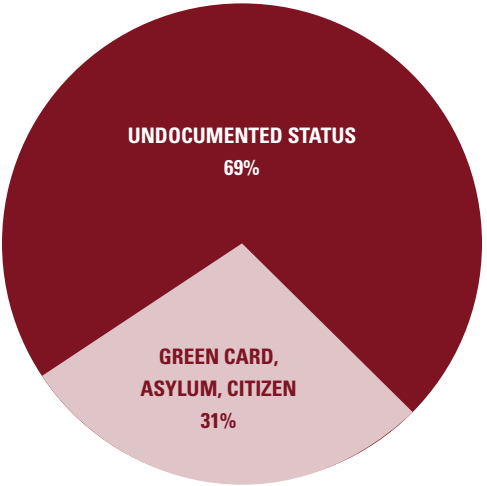
WHY ARE T-VISAS IMPORTANT?

Foreign-born survivors of sex-trafficking often lack lawful immigration status in the U.S., but if they were returned to their countries of origin, they would face difficult and dangerous circumstances, including re-trafficking. Through the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (“TVPA”), victims of severe forms of trafficking, including sex trafficking, are eligible to be certified by the Office of Refugee Resettlement to receive government benefits under state and federal programs. Victims may access a range of benefits, including employment authorization, housing, mental health services, medical care, and Supplemental Security Income. In order for non-citizen victims to remain in the U.S. and obtain certification for these services, the TVPA requires either that the victim apply for a T-visa, a non-immigrant temporary visa created specially for trafficking victims, or that federal law enforcement request the victim's continued presence in the country for the purpose of assisting an ongoing investigation. The victim must also comply with any reasonable requests

for assistance from law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of traffickers, unless she is too traumatized to provide assistance.

The T-visa provides a route for Restore NYC clients to obtain long-term, lawful immigration status in the U.S., improves their access to services, and facilitates their participation in the investigation and prosecution of their traffickers, while prioritizing their safety and well-being.

IMMIGRATION STATUS OF
RESTORE NYC CLIENTS



RESTORING SAFETY

THE NORTHEAST’S FIRST SAFE HOUSE

By providing housing for our clients, we give them a safe environment in which they can begin the healing process. Additionally, the safe house prevents our clients from being re-trafficked. The safe house is staffed 24 hours a day with live-in coordinators. The coordinators provide mentorship and help our clients adjust to daily living in a typical household setting.

**actual pictures of the safe house*



WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Bringing perpetrators of sex trafficking to justice prevents them from continuing to exploit victims, helping reduce instances of sex trafficking, and strengthening communities.

Restore NYC actively partners with the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the New York City Police Department, as well as other local organizations. Restore NYC makes referrals to these entities and provides support for our clients during the investigative process, enabling our clients to participate in bringing perpetrators to justice.



ARRESTS IN THE 5 BOROUGHS IN 2010

In 2007 New York state passed the strongest anti-trafficking legislation in the nation. Despite the existence of these laws, arrests against traffickers continue to be vastly outnumbered by prostitution arrests. Not only are traffickers going almost completely unpunished, largely due to the lack of leads and cooperating witnesses, but hundreds of women each year are being arrested for prostitution when they are, in fact, victims of sex trafficking. By partnering with local law enforcement to identify, investigate and prosecute traffickers, Restore NYC aims to help enforce anti-trafficking laws and eliminate sexual slavery throughout New York City.

| BOROUGH | PROSTITUTION ARRESTS | TRAFFICKING ARRESTS |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Bronx | 347 | 1 |
| Manhattan | 110 | 0 |
| Queens | 344 | 0 |
| Brooklyn | 115 | 6 |
| Staten Island | 6 | 0 |

source: NYPD



*hotspots



“Happiness will come when there is hope.” These are the insightful words of one of the clients we served in 2010. The idea of hope can be a very intangible concept that is difficult to grasp. However, to our clients, hope really is a prerequisite for happiness.

HOW DO WE PROVIDE HOPE?

Most of Restore NYC's clients come from low socioeconomic backgrounds and a majority have an education level of high school or lower. Many, if not all, have a very limited support network, and myriad trust issues. None of them expected to be coerced into the sex industry, where they were commoditized, abused, and humiliated. As a result, many of these women see no future for themselves. When our clients reach out for help, they are seeking a better a future, a better life, and acknowledge the possibility of better things to come. Simply put, the seeds of hope are planted.

PARTICIPANTS IN RESTORE PROGRAMS 2009–2010

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| COUNSELING | 114 |
| MOVEMENT THERAPY | 38 |
| ESL | 16 |
| MEDICAL CARE | 10 |
| IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE | 8 |



“My life has been one bad luck after another and I believed there were no “good” people in the world. But the other day I started to think about the people at Restore, the thought that there were people out there who did not know me or owed me anything were working to help me and were on my side . . . made me believe in “good” people again . . . there is hope”

—Ms. Y

07 • MEDIA COVERAGE



“They found help with Restore NYC, a nonprofit that helps human trafficking victims in the city.”
—Nicholas Kristof

The New York Times | A Woman. A Prostitute A Slave.
(November 27, 2010)



An unmarked building in Queens will open its doors next month to a handful of women ensnared in the global sex trade, becoming New York City’s first safe house dedicated to victims of international sex trafficking.”
—Kristi Oloffson

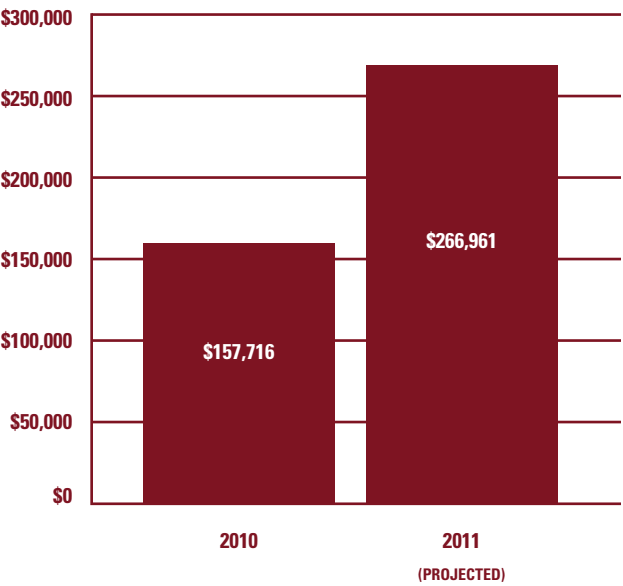
Wall Street Journal | New Aid for Sex Victims.
(October 26, 2010)

08 • FINANCIAL DISCUSSION

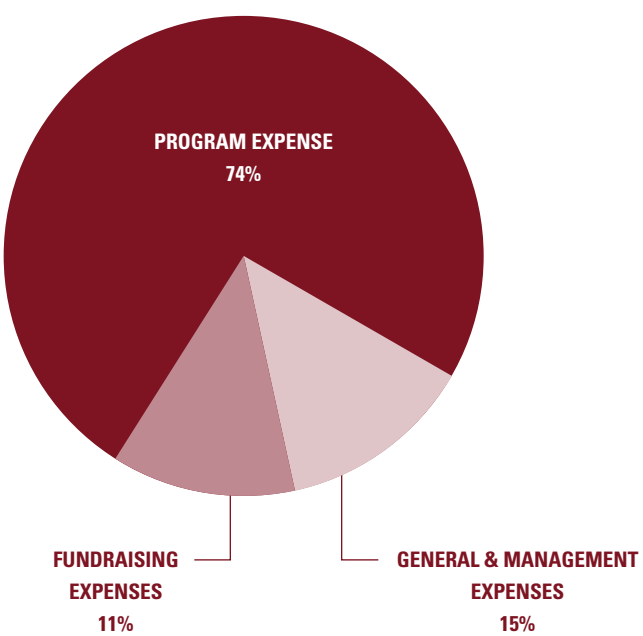
At the end of fiscal year 2010, Restore NYC opened the Northeast’s first and only safe house dedicated to foreign-born survivors of sex trafficking. As such, we expect program expenses to increase by 69% in 2011, as our residential program will be in operation for its first full year. The safe house provides long term, holistic aftercare services, currently an unmet need in our city.

Your contributions are critical to the care and rehabilitation of survivors of sex trafficking in New York. In 2010, 74% of our expenses went towards programmatic costs. In 2011 we expect that ratio to improve to 80% as we expect to realize additional costs from our residential program without incurring additional overhead costs (e.g. administrative staff).

PROGRAM EXPENSES



OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY



09 • STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted | Temporary Restricted | 2010 | 2009 |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUE & SUPPORT | | | | |
| Contributions and Grants | \$257,850 | \$80,500 | \$338,350 | \$111,519 |
| Fundraising (Net Of Direct Expenses) | \$14,350 | - | \$14,350 | \$9,067 |
| Donated Services | \$2,500 | - | \$2,500 | - |
| Interest Income | \$1,368 | - | \$1,368 | \$1,631 |
| Other Revenue | | | | \$715 |
| Net Assets Released from Restriction | \$14,404 | (\$14,404) | - | - |
| Total Revenue & Support | \$290,472 | \$66,096 | \$356,568 | \$122,932 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Program Services | \$157,716 | - | \$157,716 | 70,769 |
| Fundraising | \$32,685 | - | \$32,685 | \$13,705 |
| Management and General | \$22,181 | - | \$22,181 | \$22,864 |
| Total Expenses | \$212,582 | - | \$212,582 | \$107,338 |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | \$77,890 | \$66,096 | \$143,986 | \$15,594 |
| NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR | \$164,906 | - | \$164,906 | \$149,312 |
| NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR | \$242,796 | \$66,096 | \$308,892 | \$164,906 |

10 • STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$209,787 | \$156,963 |
| Contributions Receivable | \$97,855 | \$2,685 |
| Prepaid Expense | \$1,400 | \$5,258 |
| Security Deposit | \$4,600 | - |
| Total Assets | \$313,642 | \$164,906 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$4,750 | - |
| Total Liabilities | \$4,750 | - |
| Net Assets | | |
| Unrestricted | \$242,796 | \$164,906 |
| Temporarily Restricted | \$66,096 | - |
| Total Net Assets | \$308,892 | \$164,906 |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | \$313,642 | \$164,906 |



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